

Update on Protests**February 14th, 2022**

Summary –

Coutts/Milk River and Emerson blockades continue

1. Coutts – blockade continues across north and south bound lanes; it remains closed and social media is reporting an increased police presence and a couple of vehicles were disabled over the wkend . The NOTAM was extended to Feb 23rd w/ the ceiling being raised at the request of the RCMP.
2. Emerson – blockade continues but pax travel being allowed through.

Protests across the Region over the wkend and currently a vigil outside of the Calgary remand centre.

SK – no impact at north portal but a protest is expected this wk.

MinO Qs for follow up –

1. *Have we started to quantify the impact of the blockade on mment of goods?*
2. *What has been done w/ the NOTAM violations (airspace incursions)?*

Alberta**Coutts and Milk River**

- The protests at Coutts (**day 17**) and Milk River (**day 11**) continue and protesters blocked all lanes north and south bound and currently the Coutts Border crossing is closed.
- A two-day “Solidarity Freedom Rally” **continued Sunday** on the Sweet Grass, Montana side of the Canada-US border.
- On Sunday at approximately 9pm MST multiple social media sources began reporting of an increased police presence at the Coutts blockade including what appeared to be tactical units. No further details have emerged at this time.
- **As of about 4 p.m. Sunday, there were 42 commercial and passenger vehicles, 10 recreational vehicles and 16 tractors at the border blockade, across the northbound and southbound lanes of Highway 4.**
- RCMP issued 53 provincial tickets in a 24-hour period over the weekend. RCMP also disabled three excavators they believed were headed to the Coutts “in an effort to reinforce the blockade.” Enforcement of vehicles on roadways is expected to continue.
- NOTAMs for Milk River and Coutts have been **extended and will remain in effect until Feb 23rd. At the request of RCMP the ceiling of both NOTAMS have been raised from 3000FT AGL (above ground level) up to 5000FT AGL**
- **As of Feb 14 at 8:14 MST CBSA is reporting that the Coutts border crossing remains closed to both commercial and traveller flow.**
- Two airspace incursions occurred on Feb 5 & 6. PNR Regional Enforcement Unit has begun an administrative investigation into the airspace incursions.

Edmonton:

- **No new protests in the last 24 hours**
- Edmonton has received an injunction against the prolonged use of vehicle horns. The injunction comes into effect immediately and will remain until March 4

Calgary:

- **According to social media sources, protests were held in the cities of Airdrie and Cochrane on Sunday. Airdrie and Cochrane are smaller cities each located approximately 36 kms from Calgary.**
- **A vigil outside the Calgary Remand Centre continues to be held nightly by supporters of Artur Pawlowski who charged last week under Alberta's Critical Infrastructure Defence Act.**

Red Deer

- **No protests in the last 24 hours**

Lethbridge

- **No protests in the last 24 hours**

Other

- **A busload of protesters left the hamlet of La Crete, AB Sunday heading to Ottawa.**

Saskatchewan

- **No protests in the last 24hrs**
- **As of Feb 14 at 8:00 MST CBSA is reporting that the North Portal border crossing remains open to both commercial and traveller flow with no delays noted.**

Manitoba

- **Protests at the legislature continue (day 10)**
- **NOTAM restricting airspace over the protest in Winnipeg, MB. The airspace restriction begins 12 February 2022 at 01:00 ET and ends on 14 February, 2022 at 13:00 ET.**
- **A protest blockade at the Emerson border continues (day 5). The blockade of about 50 vehicles, located 1.5 kms north of the Emerson Port of Entry, is blocking both north and south bound traffic.**
- **As of Feb 14 at 9:15 CST CBSA is reporting that the Emerson border crossing remains closed to both commercial flow but open to traveller flow with no delays noted.**
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Yukon

- **No protests in the last 24hrs**

NWT

- **No protests in the last 24hrs**

Nunavut

- No protests in the last 24hrs

Additional Information

MEDIA SUMMARY**Highlights of media coverage:**

- In an article posted on [CBC Calgary](#) on February 12, 2022, reports that the Canadian Border Services Agency issued a statement indicating that services at the Coutts port of entry are temporarily suspended. Vehicles are being told to drive hundreds of kilometres into either Saskatchewan or B.C. to continue their trip.
- An article posted on [CBC Edmonton](#) on February 14, 2022, reports Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is calling Canada's premiers on the morning of February 14 to hold a meeting to discuss the blockades across the country. The meeting is expected to take place about 10 a.m. ET, Feb 14, 2022.
- An article posted on [8KPAX \(Misoula and Western Montana\)](#) on February 12, 2022, reports that some truckers in the U.S. are rallying in support of their Canadian counterparts, who want to end all COVID related mandates.

Alberta**Coutts/Milk River**

- [La GRC donne des contraventions aux manifestants de Coutts](#) (Radio Canada Ici – Feb 13, 2022)
- [More tickets at Coutts, Alta. border, crossing remains closed to commercial trucks](#) (CTV Calgary – Feb 13, 2022)

Edmonton

- [Anger, frustration over how Edmonton police handled counter-protest and convoy noise: councillor](#) (Global News – February 13, 2022)

Saskatchewan**Saskatoon**

- [Saskatchewan freedom convoy leaves border unblocked](#) (Regina Leader-post – Feb 13, 2022)

Manitoba**Winnipeg**

- [Counter-protesters gather at Manitoba Legislative Building, ask Winnipeg Freedom Convoy to go home](#) (CBC MANitobaFeb 12, 2022)

Emerson

- [Aucune contravention remise aux camionneurs qui bloquent la frontière à Emerson](#) (Radio Canada Ici Manitoba – February 13, 2022)
- [Emerson residents 'held hostage' by truckers blocking Canada-U.S. border](#) (Global News – Feb 13, 2022)

Yukon

Nil.

Northwest Territories

Nil.

Nunavut

Nil.